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THIS IS NY 4836-1 FOR OO-A(S). CONTACT AND SOURCE IS ^{06,08} ERNESTO DEZALDO, 331 E. 69TH ST, NEW YORK, TEMPORARY ADDRESS. HE WILL CALL ON CAL HATCH IN TWO WEEKS AND GO ON FROM HERE. YOU HAVE ALL BIO DATA IN FILES FROM PAST CORRESPONDENCE. DEZALDO IS (OR WAS) SUCCESSFUL CUBAN LAWYER UNTIL FORCED TO FLEE TWO MONTHS AGO. HE IS FORMER COLLEGE CLASSMATE OF MINE. FOLLOWING WAS GIVEN ME AT LUNCH ON 30 OCT 61, HENCE IN FIRST PERSON REPORT FORM, WITHOUT QUOTATION MARKS, FOR READY TRANSMITTAL TO DD/P, AND/OR OTHERS:

UNTIL LEAVING CUBA PERMANENTLY IN EARLY SEP 61, I WAS ASSOCIATED WITH M/R/P UNDERGROUND. ~~THE~~ BY FAR ^{THE} LARGEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE GROUP IN HAVANA. ITS DIRECTORATE WAS RELATIVELY UNTOUCHED. ROUNDOUP OF SUSPECTS FOLLOWING ^{THE} INVASION ATTEMPT IN APR 61. ASK ITS LEADER, COORDINATOR, R. GONZALEZ (KNOWN AS "ANTONIO") SINCE BEEN ARRESTED. DIRECTORATE CONTINUES TO MEET WEEKLY IN ~~WATERS~~

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3. THE MRP IN HAVANA IS FAR LESS RADICAL THAN UNDER ^{THE} LEADERSHIP OF MANOLO RAY, WHO HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DISCREDITED BY ~~THE~~ IN RECENT MONTHS. ITS PRIMARY PURPOSE TODAY IS ^{SS} (A) ASSASSINATION OF TOP LEADERS IN THE CASTRO REGIME, AND (B) SABOTAGE OF IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL AND GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS IN HAVANA. NEITHER OF THESE STEPS BY ITSELF IS INTENDED TO OVERTHROW REGIME BUT TO SPEED ^{ITS} OVERTHROW BY THEIR CUMULATIVE VALUE. IT IS CERTAINLY AGREED THAT RAUL CASTRO WOULD HAVE TO BE KILLED COINCIDENTALLY WITH FIDEL, FOR IF RAUL SURVIVED HIS BROTHER, HIS RETALIATION WOULD BE INCREDIBLY BRUTAL AND WIDESPREAD.

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